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GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF SNOW/ICE FROM ROADWAYS

Depending on the severity of the storm, snow removal will begin in the early morning hours (typically 5 a.m.) in order to accomplish the most good for the most people. Plows will continue to run into the afternoon in order to keep roads open to allow for people to return home after work or school.

Under blizzard conditions or when drifting snow makes it impossible to keep roads open, snow plows will not be operating. Snow removal will resume when the wind subsides.

When plowing, roads will be opened to 2-way traffic first. Then, the roads should be widened out. Snow should be pushed back on the shoulders as far as possible.

Intersection radii will be widened out after the side roads have been cleared.

Public parking areas in unincorporated villages will be cleared only after the roadways have been opened to 2-way traffic. These areas include the Beason Post Office, Chestnut churches, Cornland Post Office, etc.

When on cinder route, critical areas should be spread first in order to cover the entire route as quickly as possible. Critical areas include curves, hills, stop signs, etc. If the County Engineer has given specific instruction to spread salt/cinders on the straightaways, this may be done after the critical areas have been addressed, usually with the second load of salt/cinders. The County Engineer shall consider input from emergency responders in making these management decisions.

Whenever possible, cinder spreaders should be turned off when meeting oncoming traffic.

Spreader fan speed should be adjusted to spread the width of the road, NOT the shoulders.

After roads have been plowed and/or salted, snow plow trucks should continue to run their routes unless the vehicle needs service.

If, while moving from one area of snow plowing to another, it becomes necessary to travel another agency's road, LCHD drivers shall continue their plowing routine. It is not LCHD policy to drive over snow with the plow raised.

LCHD drivers shall refrain from plowing snow into or blocking driveways or entrances that are being used or have been cleaned. If a ridge of snow is placed in the drive, high enough that a car would drag, the windrows of snow should be cleaned out.

If a vehicle is stuck in the snow anywhere on a County Highway, LCHD drivers may pull them out, but only if the vehicle owner/driver attaches the tow chain/rope to their vehicle. LCHD will not be responsible for any damages that may occur.

Only in the case of an emergency, and with the approval of the supervisor, will LCHD plow snow from a driveway on private property.

If snow discharging from the snow plow might damage of parked car, mailbox, or other roadside object, LCHD drivers shall slow their vehicle to a speed that will minimize the force of snow from the plow.

Trucks are to be fueled at the end of each day. A maintenance check should be performed at that time. (i.e. tires, plow blade, lights, etc.)